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Statement from Governor Jan Brewer regarding progress to reform the Fiesta Bowl:

"The last month has been a painful time for anyone who loves the Fiesta Bowl. Sometimes, however, this kind of crisis is the best trigger for community reflection that generates real reform and accountability.

"It was with an aim toward helping guide those reforms that I called on some of Arizona's leading figures in business, athletics, tourism and public policy to join me as part of a special advisory panel to the Fiesta Bowl. Members of this advisory group met with me again Saturday morning. We received a detailed briefing from investigators who authored a report on alleged misdeeds by Fiesta Bowl officials and employees. Later, we heard directly from Fiesta Bowl representatives, including the chairman of its Board of Directors.

"We remain early in this process. I am confident, though, that Fiesta Bowl officials are on the right path. They recognize the stakes, and I am committed to working with them to ensure the restoration of the principles, values and leadership that made the Fiesta Bowl much more than just a football game.

"The Fiesta Bowl belongs to all of Arizona. We can accept nothing less than a Bowl that lives up to that great responsibility."

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